

ABSTRACT

A method of modifying starch or starch derivatives comprising: introducing a continuous flow of starch substrate, gas and, optionally, one or more reagents, into a reactor, wherein the starch substrate has a moisture content between 0 and 45% by weight, a residence time in the reactor of between 1 and 60 minutes and is heated to between 50 and 220°C, characterised in that the starch substrate and the gas are introduced into the reactor in opposing directions and in that the reactor has a tubular body comprising a rotating shaft upon which is disposed one or a plurality of blades.

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